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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE FROM SANTIAGO SEPT 27

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L SANTIAGO 4629

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

REF: 190162

1. I SAW FOREIGN MINISTER HUERTA AT 8:00 PM TONIGHT AND MADE ALL POINTS CONTAINED PARAGRAPHS 3 TO 5 REFTEL. HUERTA OUTLINED TALKS AND UNDERTAKINGS REACHED WITH UN REPRESENTATIVES AND PROMISED TO SEND ME A COPY OF AGREEMENT REACHED. HE MADE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN REFUGEES AND CHILEAN DETAINEES (AS HIGH COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED WITH THE FORMER), BUT I MADE CLEAR OUR CONCERN IS WITH BROADER PROBLEM AND ITS POSSIBLE INFLUENCE ON OUR ABILITY TO BE HELPFUL. HUERTA EXPRESSED REGRET THAT INVESTIGATIONS WERE TAKING LONGER THAN HE WOULD HAVE LIKED, BUT NOTED THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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NOBODY WANTED INJUSTICES TO BE COMMITTED THROUGH HASTE. HE ASSURED ME GOC SHARES FULLY OUR CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

2. POINT WHICH GAVE HUERTA TROUBLE WAS PUBLIC TRIAL. HE

SAID HE BELIEVED CHILEAN MILITARY TRIALS WERE PRIVATE, BUT
SAID HE WOULD CHECK WHAT THE POSSIBILITIES WERE. I NOTED
THAT THE REASSURANCE TO INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION WOULD
BE NOTABLE IF SOME WAY COULD BE FOUND TO PROVIDE PUBLIC
TRIAL.

3. I ADVISED HUERTA THAT WE WISHED TO BE IN THE POSITION
TO ADVISE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS PRIVATELY OR IN EXECUTIVE
SESSION THAT HE AND I HAD DISCUSSED THESE MATTERS, AND
I HAD EXPRESSED USG CONCERNS. HUERTA ACQUIESCED.

4. I ASSURED HUERTA OF SPIRIT IN WHICH WE MADE THIS
APPROACH, AND I THINK HE ACCEPTED IT AS OFFERED.

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